

In the course of a stay in Geneva, Father Dominique Pire, winner of the Nobel Peace Prize, paid a visit to the President of the International Committee. He presented him with a copy of his book "Bâtir la paix" and assured Mr. Gonard of his full support for any ICRC enterprise to promote peace.

### **Appointment**

At a plenary session, the International Committee made the following appointments: Mr. Roger Gallopin, Executive Director, and Mr. Jean Pictet, Director for General Affairs, were both appointed Directors-General; Mr. Claude Pilloud, Deputy Director and Head of the Legal Department, was appointed Director.

### **New accessions to the Geneva Conventions**

In its September issue, the "International Review" mentioned that 111 States were explicitly parties to the Geneva Conventions of August 12, 1949. Since then, the International Committee of the Red Cross has been informed by the Federal Political Department of the participation of three further countries in these Conventions.

First of all came the accession of the Republic of Kenya which was received in Berne on September 20, 1966.

Then on October 19, 1966, the Republic of Zambia deposited an instrument of accession to the Geneva Conventions with the Swiss authorities.

Finally, on October 20, 1966, the latter received a declaration of continuity from Gambia.

Thus, with the accession of these three countries there are now 114 States explicitly parties to the Geneva Conventions of 1949.